

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
October 12, 2009

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alamo Heights, Texas was held at the Council Chambers, 6120 Broadway, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 12, 2009.

Present and composing a quorum were:

Mayor Louis Cooper
Mayor Pro-Tempore Bill Kiel
Councilman Stan McCormick
Councilman Bobby Rosenthal
Councilwoman Jill Souter
Councilwoman Susan Harwell

Also attending were:

City Manager Ann Benson McGlone
City Attorney Mike Brennan
Assistant to City Manager/Information Technology Manager Marian Ramirez
Finance Director Cynthia Barr
Community Development Director Brian Chandler
Human Resource Manager/Deputy City Secretary Judith E. Surratt
City Secretary Jennifer Reyna
Assistant Fire Chief Buddy Kuhn
Police Chief Rick Pruitt

Absent were:

Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Shawn P. Eddy
Fire Chief Bill Hagendorf

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Mayor Louis Cooper called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

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Mayor Cooper asked City Council for any corrections to the minutes of the September 28, 2009, City Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Bobby Rosenthal to approve the minutes of September 28, 2009. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Susan Harwell and passed by unanimous vote.

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Item # 2 City Manager's Report

a. FY 2008-09 Strategic Action Plan Update

Ms. McGlone thanked and credited former City Manager Rebecca Waldman for her oversight of the completed city projects. Ms. McGlone briefly presented the mission statement, vision and core values. City Manager Ann McGlone presented a summary of accomplishments for FY 2009, accordingly by Council Committee.

Councilwoman Souter stated the Strategic Action Plan is gathered input that Council has received from residents. Councilwoman Souter thanked former City Manager Rebecca Waldman for her leadership and City staff for their diligent work.

Margaret Houston, 140 Patterson Avenue, complimented city staff for the notification process during the flood concerns within the City of Alamo Heights. Ms. Houston asked about the reverse telephone communication option.

Assistant to City Manager/Information Technical Manager Marian V. Ramirez responded that Police Chief Rick Pruitt makes a decision to activate the reverse telephone option.

Councilwoman Harwell stated she received calls from residents expressing their appreciation of City staff's immediate action on the clean up process after the extreme rainfall the city received.

b. Calling a Special City Council Meeting on November 12, 2009 to Canvass the November 3rd Election Results at 8:30 a.m. and discuss rescheduling the November 23, 2009 Council Meeting to November 16, 2009 and cancellation of the City Council Meeting on December 28, 2009

Ms. McGlone announced that a Special City Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. to canvass the November 3rd Election Results. The November 23, 2009 Council Meeting is rescheduled to November 16, 2009 and the City Council Meeting on Monday, December 28, 2009 is cancelled.

c. An award made to the Alamo Heights Police Department by the Department of Justice/Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program

Ms. McGlone announced that the Alamo Heights Police Department received a grant in the amount of \$4,537.00 from the Department of Justice for the purchase of bulletproof vests.

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Citizens To Be Heard Concerning Non-Agenda Items

Margaret Houston, 140 Patterson, stated her farewell to Mayor Pro Tem Kiel.

Jamie Boerner, 727 Patterson Avenue, stated she obtained factual information about the proposed construction of the city complex on the city's website. She is supportive of the construction of the city complex; however, she is opposed in the design of the proposed

city complex. She thanked Mayor Pro Tem Kiel for his dedication and promptness in correspondence to any requests.

Councilman Rosenthal recognized the presence of Boy Scouts of America, Bobcat Patrol in the audience. Councilman Rosenthal explained they were present to observe the Council meeting as a requirement for their Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

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Consent Items

Item # 4 Mayor Cooper read the following captions.

Request by St. Peter Prince of Apostles Catholic Church for a street closure on Friday, October 23, 2009, in the 200 block of Cleveland Court, all day beginning at 8:00 a.m., for their annual Halloween Carnival

Item #5 **RESOLUTION NO. 2009R-010**

A Resolution nominating Mayor Pro Tem Bill Kiel to be a candidate for election to the Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2010-2011

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Kiel pulled Item # 5 for discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Kiel and Councilwoman Souter provided background information on the current vacancy and the need for representation of small cities.

At 6:07 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Kiel recused himself and briefly left the Council Chambers to allow City Council to continue discussion of the nomination. There was a brief discussion among Council.

Suzanne Bettac, 126 Rosemary Avenue, expressed support of the nomination of Bill Kiel as a citizen to be a candidate.

At 6:12p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Kiel returned to the Council Chambers.

A motion for approval for Consent Items 4 and 5 was made by Councilman Bobby Rosenthal with modification to reflect nomination as citizen Bill Kiel. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jill Souter and passed by unanimous vote.

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Items for Individual Consideration

Item # 6 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

ORDINANCE NO. 1845

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1837, WHICH CALLED AN ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING THE PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE ELECTION

City Secretary Jennifer Reyna made a PowerPoint presentation that included the background information in publishing notices in the *North Central News* and *San Antonio Express-News*. Staff recommended approval.

Ms. Reyna informed City Council of the obtained lowest quote in the excess amount of \$20,000.00 from the *San Antonio Express-News* compared to the *North Central News* quote, in the quoted amount of \$3,000.00. A publication of the English and the Spanish Notice of Election in the *North Central News* would be cost effective and published in the city's official newspaper of record. Publication is on Thursday, October 8th and Thursday, October 15th 2009.

Bexar County City's Election Administrator scheduled a publication of the Notice of Election in *La Prensa* and *San Antonio Express-News* on Sunday, October 18, 2009. The English and Spanish Notice of Election are also posted on the city's website.

A motion for approval was made by Councilman Jill Souter amending Ordinance No. 1837 for the purpose of revising the publication requirements related to the election. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stan McCormick and passed by unanimous vote.

Item # 7 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

Request for a Demolition Permit by James and Kelly Wiegrefe, owners, to demolish the existing single story detached two-car garage at 185 E. Oakview Place, for the purpose of constructing a new single two-car garage on a property zoned Single Family -- A

Community Development Director Brian Chandler made a PowerPoint presentation that included photos, proposed site plans and elevations. Staff recommended approval.

Mr. Chandler stated there were two electronic communications, both supporting the request for demolition.

Mayor Pro Tem Kiel inquired about the compliance of a two car covered parking garage. There was discussion among City Council.

Councilwoman Harwell appreciated the submitted detailed packet that displayed photographs. She commented the applicants have made gradual improvements to the house. Councilwoman Harwell requested city staff to place "Garage Only" on the posted demolition signs that are specifically for garages.

A motion for approval was made by Councilwoman Jill Souter. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bill Kiel and passed by unanimous vote.

Item # 8 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

ORDINANCE NO. 1846

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 OF THE CITY CODE BY CREATING A PERMIT PARKING ZONE ON OGDEN LANE

Police Chief Rick Pruitt presented a PowerPoint presentation in determination of sufficient designated fire lanes at Cambridge Elementary School campus. Staff recommended approval.

Chief Pruitt stated the creation of a fire lane would eliminate eight parking spaces used by teachers and staff. The elimination of parking spaces would push teachers, staff and visitors already using the street for parking further into the neighborhoods. Changing the restricted parking zone would create on-street parking availability for teachers and staff displaced by the new fire zone. Coordination was made with the Alamo Heights Independent School District (AHISD) and AHISD is favorable to the proposal.

Keith Becvar, 301 Abiso Avenue, asked if an email would be sent to parents of Cambridge Elementary students to notify them of the designated permit parking zone and allow parents to adjust their schedule accordingly.

Councilwoman Souter asked if City staff may coordinate with Cambridge Elementary to provide informational flyers in the students' backpacks. Chief Pruitt stated that flyers are already being prepared for distribution and an email will be sent through AHISD.

There was discussion among the Council regarding student drop-off scenarios in relation to the permit parking zone. Mayor Cooper recommended to designate the teacher's parking lot further east on Ogden Lane to provide a closer student drop-off entrance. Councilman Rosenthal asked if the teacher's parking lot was moved further east, would it preclude business parking at 123 Ogden. Chief Pruitt replied no and the customers primarily use the spaces on the property of 123 Ogden and over-flow into the adjacent business parking lot. Councilwoman Harwell expressed concern for the students' safety and the adult supervision at the crosswalk.

Keith Becvar, 301 Abiso, supported the option to move the permit parking zone further east to allow parents to drop off students closer to the school crosswalk.

Margaret Houston, 140 Patterson, expressed concern on the line of sight around the elementary school.

Patricia Evans, 140 Patterson, recommended changing start time for permitted parking hours to 7:45 a.m. or earlier.

A motion for approval was made by Councilman Rosenthal with 2 modifications 1) change permit parking hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and 2) move the permit parking zone to the east end of the playground on Ogden Lane. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kiel and passed by unanimous vote.

Item # 9 Mayor Cooper read the following caption.

Consider and act upon the resignation of Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Bill Kiel

City Secretary Jennifer Reyna provided a PowerPoint presentation on the submitted resignation letter of Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Bill Kiel. The submitted resignation requires City Council action to accept and declare a Place 4 Councilmember Vacancy.

Mayor Pro Tem Kiel shared his experience as a Councilmember and reason for making the decision to resign. Mayor Pro Tem Kiel stated his farewell.

Councilwoman Souter credited Mayor Pro Tem Kiel with being instrumental on the preparation of the budget document and related that he also introduced the Ethics Policy. Councilwoman Souter stated he dedicated much of his time in being a public servant and he has served the City well. She stated Mayor Pro Tem Kiel's motto "I'll meet you anyplace, anytime, anywhere."

Councilman Rosenthal commented that Mayor Pro Tem Kiel is irreplaceable and complimented his analytical abilities. Councilman Rosenthal thanked Mayor Pro Tem Kiel for his thorough research and always being prepared to address projects.

Mayor Cooper shared that Mayor Pro Tem Kiel always presented the facts. Mayor Cooper added that he has enjoyed working with Mayor Pro Tem Kiel and values his relationship with him.

Councilman McCormick stated the importance and need of intellectual honesty. Mayor Pro Tem Kiel has always provided the facts. Councilman McCormick appreciated that genuine quality in Mayor Pro Tem Kiel.

Councilman Harwell expressed that she worked closely with Mayor Pro Tem Kiel in the Infrastructure and Services Committee. She stated Mayor Pro Tem Kiel completed all of his projects with the exception of not having the ability to oversee the Multi-family and Commercial City Council considerations. Councilwoman Harwell acknowledged his resignation and complimented Mayor Pro Tem Kiel for understanding the community perspective.

The Councilmembers expressed that Mayor Pro Tem Kiel will be missed.

A motion for approval was made by Councilman Rosenthal to accept Mayor Pro Tem Kiel's resignation and declare a Place 4 Councilmember vacancy. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Souter and passed by unanimous vote.

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Closed Session

At 7:09 p.m., Mayor Cooper adjourned the regular City Council meeting to conduct a closed meeting as authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to consult with the attorney.

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Mayor Cooper reconvened the regular meeting at 8:23 p.m. There was no action taken during the closed session.

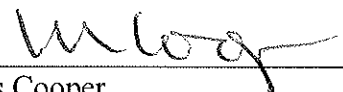
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There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Rosenthal to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman McCormick and passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Cooper adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.


Jennifer Reyna, TRMC
City Secretary



Louis Cooper
Mayor